

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **September 12, 2014**
4 **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Dexter Accardo called the meeting to order at 10:03 pm. Dawson Primes led
10 the prayer and Dexter Accardo led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present to
11 conduct business.
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13 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

14 Dexter Accardo
15 Skip Breeden
16 Amy Dawson
17 Eric Deroche
18 Chris Guilbeaux
19 Alan Hunsberger
20 Jim Polk
21 Rick Webre
22 Scott Whelchel
23 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
24 Terry Guidry
25 Pat Santos
26 Kevin Davis
27 Charles Hudson
28 Dawson Primes
29 Kenneth Graham
30 Karen Price
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32 **Members Excused:**

33 Jim Polk
34 Richard Webre
35 James Kelley
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37 **Members Absent:**

38 Robert Jump
39 Sandy Davis
40 Richard Gremillion
41 Sean LaFleur
42 Dave Brown
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44 **Guests:**

45 Jennifer Constantin
46 Gene Dunnegan
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49 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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51 A motion was made by Dawson Primes and seconded by Sonya Wiley Gremillion to
52 approve the minutes of the July 25, 2014. The motion passed.

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54 **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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56 A. President –Dexter Accardo

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58 No actual report, but he stated that he is excited to be moving forward with the
59 workshop planning for the 2015 Workshop.

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61 Dexter mentioned the recent speaking engagements he has had as a representative
62 of LEPA. He believes the organization is moving forward to get the word out
63 about LEPA and reach some new targeted areas of membership.

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65 B. President Elect – Scott Whelchel

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67 Nothing to report.

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69 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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71 Eric Deroche reported assets from the June draft financial statement from June 30,
72 2014 of \$209,433.68. A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and
73 seconded by Chris Guilbeaux to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion
74 passed.

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76 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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78 A. AWARDS – Amy Dawson

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80 Nothing to report. It was mentioned by the office that we add the award nominee
81 contact information to the actual nomination form.

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83 B. CERTIFICATION – Amy Dawson

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85 LEM Technical to be awarded to both Scott Rousselle and Narry Sylvie. A
86 motion was made by Charles Hudson and seconded by Skip Breeden. The motion
87 passed.

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89 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS

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91 Alan Hunsberger presented the proposed changed by-laws. The proposed changes
92 are attached. Alan will make the changes as discussed in the meeting and will
93 have the revisions at the next board meeting.

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- 98 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP –Karen Price
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100 We currently do not have any money in the budget for scholarships. Eric stated
101 that the budget meeting will be in October and Scholarships for the 2015 fiscal
102 year will be discussed at that time.
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- 104 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur (not in attendance)
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106 No report.
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- 108 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo
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110 Nothing to report.
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- 112 G. MEMBERSHIP – No Membership Committee Chair
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114 The office reported the current membership number was 700.
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- 116 H. NOMINATING – Scott Whelchel
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118 Nothing to report.
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- 120 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche
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122 Eric Deroche informed the board that LEPA will be moving to the Golden Nugget
123 for the 2015 Workshop. The workshop will be held May 4-7 and the committee is
124 thinking about a one day exhibit hall and a half day presentation on Thursday
125 May 7, 2015. Considering 4 strong breakout sessions to be repeated throughout
126 the day. The theme will be the “The New Paradigm in Terrorism Today”.
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128 The workshop committee will be making a trip to the Golden Nugget on October
129 28th for a site inspection of the property and review the meeting space.
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- 132 J. REGIONAL DIRECTORS’ REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE –
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134 Nothing to report.
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136 Dexter announced that earlier in the week Earl Eues was appointed as the regional
137 representative and will be in attendance at future LEPA Board meetings.
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- 140 **V. OLD BUSINESS**
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142 No old business to review.
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- 145 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**
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VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned on motion by Dawson Primes at 11:28 am and seconded by Pat Santos.

Respectfully submitted,

Bland O'Connor
Executive Director